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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Dallas Children's Advocacy Center began an
2 exciting new chapter in its history when it moved into the
3 Rees-Jones Center for Child Protection in January 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Established in 1991, DCAC is committed to improving
5 the lives of abused children in Dallas County and to providing
6 national leadership on child abuse issues; the center served more
7 than 2,400 children and their non-offending family members in 2012;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, DCAC coordinates the investigation and prosecution
10 of the most severe cases of abuse in the community, and it offers a
11 warm, child-friendly haven for the victims who have been referred
12 by law enforcement or Child Protective Services; facilitating
13 collaboration and communication in the coordination of these highly
14 sensitive cases, DCAC also houses the Child Abuse Unit of the Dallas
15 Police Department, five CPS units, and an assistant district
16 attorney; and

17 WHEREAS, Through the years, DCAC has gained national
18 recognition as a leader in educating professionals about crimes
19 against children; its education specialists conduct free training
20 on recognizing and reporting abuse for teachers and others in
21 child-serving organizations, and the center hosts one of the
22 world's largest annual professional training conferences in the
23 field for prosecutors, therapists, law enforcement personnel, and
24 others; and

1 WHEREAS, The 56,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art
2 Rees-Jones Center will allow DCAC to deliver training to more
3 professionals on a year-round basis; moreover, the building is
4 designed to enhance the healing process by providing an especially
5 comforting, safe, and serene environment; the building is named in
6 honor of benefactors Jan and Trevor Rees-Jones; and

7 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Dallas Children's Advocacy
8 Center has made a positive difference in the lives of more than
9 30,000 young victims of abuse, and its new facility will enable the
10 caring and dedicated staff to make even greater contributions to
11 the well-being of this vulnerable population; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate the Dallas Children's Advocacy
14 Center on the opening of the Rees-Jones Center for Child Protection
15 and extend to all those associated with DCAC sincere best wishes for
16 continued success with their important work; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the center as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.